Shifting of Items from Open General License

707. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have shifted some items from the Open General License to the Exim Scrip route;

(b) if so, the details of the items;

(c) the reasons for the change of policy in this regard; and

(d) the objective behind this change?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (d). Keeping in view the objective of the new Trade Policy of linking imports with exports, list of OGL items was reviewed and some of the items were shifted from Open General Licence to the Exim Scrip rout. Details in this regard are contained in the Ministry of Commerce Public Notice No. 196 - ITC (PN)/90-93 dated 14.8.91, No. 202 - ITC (PN)/ 90-93 dated 5.9.91, No. 254 - ITC (PN)/90-93 dated 6.12.91 and NO. 271-ITC (PN)/90-93 dated 12.2.92, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

World Bank Aided Projects in Madhya Pradesh

708. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Bank aided projects in Madhya Pradesh indicating the quantum and extent of aid expected in each case; and

(b) the extent of aid already received in each case and the delay, if any, made in extending the aid projectwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). A Statement of World Bank aided projects in Madhya Pradesh, the aid committed, and the amount disbursed in each case, till the end of January, 92 is attached.

STATEMENT

(In $ Million)

Project Name	*Loan Credit Amount*	*Amount disbursed by the end of Jan '92*
Narmada Gujarat Dam	335.0 *	102.4*
Watershed Dev.Rainfed Areas	23.75*	12.675*
National Agric. Exten I	30.73*	25.209*
Korba II	400.0	366.2
Central Power Transmission	250.7*	128.7*

(In $ Million)

Project Name	*Loan Credit Amount*	*Amount disbursed by the end of Jan '92*
Indira Sarovar Hydro	52.337	5.797
Dudhichua Coal	151.0*	90.037*
Coal Mining & Quality Imp.	340.0*	218.236*
Madhya Pradesh Fertilizer	203.6	166.2
Vocational Training	208.8*	38.7*
Family Welfare Training	113.3*	22.3*
Technicalan Education I	210.0*	16.0*
Dam Safety Ass & Rehab.	153.0*	8.0*

* These are multisate projects which have a component in Madhya Pradesh. The figures relate to the entire project.

World Bank's Recommendations on Rural Banking system

709. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has made some recommendations regarding consolidating the rural banking system;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action on these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). It has been suggested by the World Bank that Rural Banking might be consolidated through certain institutional changes which may *inter-alia* include simplification and revision of interest rates on agricultural loans, reduction of high level of overdues and improvement in the quality of lending to this sector. The Agricultural Rural Credit Review Committee (Khusro Committee) as well as the Committee on the Financial System (Narasimham Committee) have gone into the problems of rural banking separately and the recommendations made by them are under consideration of the Government.

Export of Cigarettes to Russia

710. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed any Tabacco factory to export Cigarettes to Russia;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the